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For:	<b>VARIABLE LENGTH NEPHROSTOMY SHEATH</b>	

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 25, 2008, the deadline for response being February 25, 2009, the Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.